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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose a competitive provider because AT&T in my area of Rohnert Park, California, a city of 50,000, did not provide DSL Internet service to me for over 5 years after my competitive provider did.

I started on IDSL with my competitive provider when AT&T provided nothing besides dial-up. After this, AT&T provided a SLOW DSL service.

While I would never want to see AT&T go under, it was not until the competition came in to our city that AT&T started offering UVerse (faster DSL).

Why did they not offer this before the competition?

I don't have fiber yet, but I helped my brother's widow get SONIC.NET FIBER INTERNET in a San Francisco neighborhood (not just in the Business Financial District).

My sister-in-law's provider, SONIC.NET is working to provide fiber services all over our city and county.

THE COPPER TELEPHONE CABLING IN CALIFORNIA IS FAILING MISERABLY.

AT&T is making no effort to fix their infrastructure. They are waiting for fiber too.

It is all a game of PROFITS to their shareholders.

I am an American and a Capitalist. I believe in the American way, as Superman used to say. I am NOT against them making a profit, but it is going to take YOU, the FCC, to make it a fair playing field for ALL competitors.

While I cringe when I see the Federal Government spending too much money on worthless endeavors, this is an important one to all our country and all our people.

The Internet is going to help all people with education and access to all our services. As a citizen and a small businessman, I pay my city, state, and local taxes over the Internet. My telephone works over the Internet.

I am reaching the age close to retirement and I want to reduce my spending. If the Internet costs increase, I will cut it out of my budget. I will go back to postage stamps and watching movies on DVDs. I still have my Encyclopedia Books for my grandchildren to read. If my children need to reach me, they can drive over to visit or send me a letter.

My sister-in-law's Internet with SONIC.NET is half the cost of all the other providers AND they give her telephone service included.

Please allow full competition for Internet access. Provide incentives for providers to install fiber.

DO NOT TAX THE INTERNET !
Sincerely,

George Driskill